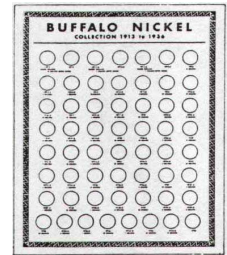


Coin Board News

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MARKET ACTIVITY Coin board offerings on eBay have been sporadic and, for the most part, unexciting. I did make a good purchase of two Colonial brand boards in nice condition. Due to their being mis-categorized, they were both purchased at bargain prices, only to be severely damaged in shipping. The seller, who has a high rating, apologized that she had been out of town and had left a family member to package them, telling me that she would issue a refund and that I could just keep the boards. I also bought at opening bid a very nice, though common, Whitman third edition board for Liberty Nickels. Folks must have been napping on this one.

I heard from one lucky reader of this newsletter that he was the winner of a rare Colonial Coin & Stamp Company first edition board for Indian Cents on eBay. This one displays the company's original logo as depicted on page 119 of my book. Featured in a lot with two very ordinary, second edition Whitman boards, this rare treat, though not in pristine condition, brought a strong price indicative of two or more knowledgeable bidders. I thought about competing on this lot but didn't, expecting that it would go to one of my customers, and it did.

I was the delighted winner of the only coin board illustrated in my book that I did not already have in my own collection. K1¢A2a was previously unique to my knowledge. That example is the one left to Joe Post, Jr. by his father, the inventor of coin boards, and I photographed it on his dining room table. When I saw another on eBay I was prepared to get it at any price; in fact, I bid \$250 at the last second, but I managed to win it for just \$51 (where was everyone else?). The funny conclusion to this story came when the seller emailed me that he had previously offered it to "that guy with the coin board website" who passed on it. Indeed, I had received an email two weeks earlier from him saying that he had Kent Indian Penny board that was in not very nice condition. I just assumed it was one of the more common varieties, so I declined to purchase it. This new purchase has a brown backing, so it is also a new variety, K1¢A2a.2. The variety already in my book with a red backing is relabeled as K1¢A2a.1.

A superb find on eBay was the extremely rare Lincoln Printing Company board for Lincoln Pennies custom printed for Dave J. Malloy, Funeral Director. Only the third example known to me, I failed to find it in my weekly search of eBay, and it went for just \$14.95 to someone who may not even know its value. Another collector tipped me off to it afterward, confessing that he failed to bid on it in time. I'd be delighted to learn that it went to someone reading this newsletter; if so, please drop me a line.

Pickings were slim at both the Los Angeles ANA Convention and the subsequent Long Beach coin show. Absolutely no boards were seen at the Whitman show in Philadelphia, aside from a huge photo blow-up of Number 391 featured in a multi-panel history of the company that graced one wall of the bourse room. After the ANA show, however, I headed up north to the San Francisco area to visit family, and I did strike gold at one of the local coin shops. Though nothing truly rare was found, I was able to buy a dozen nice boards ranging from common to moderately scarce. Some of these appear on the current price list.

BOOK UPDATES There's always something new turning up for the prolific Oberwise brand. Board collector Chris Buck reports a new, minor variety. O1¢Bw has been renumbered as O1¢Bw.2, since an earlier printing, which I'm calling O1¢Bw.1, has mintages only through "6 months of 1941" and no publisher's name at the bottom. Also new, Whitman board W50¢B2c is similar to W50¢B2b, but with two extra, unprinted openings at its bottom.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN I'll be manning the NGC booth at the Silver Dollar Expo in St. Charles, Missouri October 15-17. I'll also be at the Whitman-Baltimore Coin Show November 12-14 and the Houston Money Show December 3-5, so please stop by if you're going to any of these shows.

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1860
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1861
10



1862
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1863
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1864
14

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All Bronze 39



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1908
L-S



1909
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1909
34-5

The numbers under the dates on the card indicate the approximate millions coined each year.
 "S" below the wreath on the 1908 and 1909 pennies indicates the San Francisco mint.
 All other pennies shown here were minted at Philadelphia—no mint mark.
 J. B. Longacre designed the Indian Head Penny. The "L" is his initial.
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1909-V.D.B.
27,995,000

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1909-S-V.D.B.
454,000

1909
72,702,618

1909-S
1,825,000

1910
146,901,218

1910-S
6,045,000

1911
101,177,787

1911-S
4,026,000

1911-D
12,672,000

1912
68,153,060

1912-S
4,431,000

1912-D
10,411,000

1913
76,532,352

1913-S
6,101,000

1913-D
15,804,000

1914
75,238,432

1914-S
4,137,000

1914-D
1,193,000

1915
29,092,120

1915-S
4,833,000

1915-D
22,050,000

1916
131,933,677

1916-S
22,510,000

1916-D
35,956,000

1917
196,429,785

1917-S
32,620,000

1917-D
55,120,000

1918
288,104,634

1918-S
34,630,000

1918-D
47,830,000

1919
382,021,000

1919-S
139,760,000

1919-D
57,154,000

1920
310,165,000

1920-S
46,220,000

1920-D
49,280,000

1921
39,157,000

1921-S
15,274,000

1922-D
7,160,000

1923
74,723,000

1923-S
8,700,000

1924
75,178,000

1924-S
11,696,000

1924-D
2,520,000

1925
139,949,000

1925-S
26,380,000

1925-D
22,580,000

1926
157,088,000

1926-S
4,550,000

1926-D
28,020,000

1927
144,440,000

1927-S
14,276,000

1927-D
27,170,000

1928
184,116,000

1928-S
17,266,000

1928-D
31,170,000

1929
185,262,000

1929-S
50,148,000

1929-D
41,730,000

1930
157,415,000

1930-S
24,286,000

1930-D
40,100,000

1931
19,396,000

1931-S
366,000

1931-D
4,480,000

1932
9,062,000

1932-D
10,500,000

1933
14,360,000

1933-D
6,200,000

1934
219,089,000

1934-D
26,446,000

1935
245,388,000

1935-S
38,702,000

1935-D
47,000,000

1936
309,637,569

1936-S
29,130,000

1936-D
40,620,000

1937
309,179,320

1937-S
34,500,000

1937-D
50,430,000

1938
156,696,734

1938-S
15,180,000

1938-D
20,010,000

1939
316,479,520

1939-S
52,070,000

1939-D
15,160,000

1940
586,825,872

1940-S
112,940,000

1940-D
81,390,000

1941
887,039,100

1941-S
92,360,000

1941-D
128,700,000

1942
222,538,200

1942-S
15,000,000

1942-D
74,000,000

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